

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 with the following new paragraph:**

$$\text{Thickness reduction ratio (\%)} = \{ (t_1 - t_2) / t_2 (t_1 - t_2) / t_1 \} \times 100 . \quad \text{-----} \quad (2)$$

wherein  $t_1$  is a thickness of the barrel portion of the secondary intermediate molded article, and  $t_2$  is a thickness of the barrel portion of the polyester container which is the molded article.